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Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505.

Dear Mr. Casey:

For your information, I enclose a copy of the Information Security Oversight Office's (ISOO) Annual Report to the President for FY 1983. I also enclose a copy of the President's letter in response to the Report, in which he expresses his appreciation for the successes of the past year and his support for continued improvement in the Government's information security program.

FY 1983 was a critical year for the information security system. The Report covers the first full year of Executive Order 12356's operation, a period of time in which the information security program received extraordinary attention. In addition to many informative statistics about the program, the Report provides a narrative look at its strengths and weaknesses during FY '83.

In his letter to ISOO, the President requests that his appreciation for a job well done be expressed to all the persons responsible for the success of the information security program in FY 1983. Please distribute copies of the President's letter to those other persons within your agency who are responsible for these achievements. The President also commits us to even greater efforts to meet the standards he has established for the information security system in FY 1984 and beyond. I will be contacting the senior program officials in your agency shortly to discuss initiatives to achieve an even better program.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 535-7251.

Sincerely,

STEVEN GARFINKEL
Director

Enclosures



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1984

Dear Mr. Garfinkel:

I was very pleased to review your FY 1983 Annual Report and to learn that the system we have established under Executive Order 12356 to provide better protection for national security information without excessive classification is working. While we anticipated that the revised information security system would improve credibility and efficiency of the program, its success is also dependent upon the outstanding oversight efforts of you and your staff and the thousands of other persons throughout the executive branch who are dedicated to making it work. Please convey my appreciation to all those whose efforts made these achievements possible.

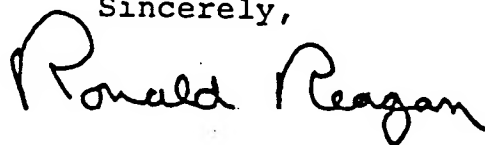
I ask for the same commitment in the future to improving our performance even more. We must continue to insure that information is being classified only when this extraordinary protection is necessary; that those entrusted with access to national security information appreciate the seriousness of their responsibility to safeguard it; and that systematic review and other declassification efforts are made in accordance with the order's goal of making information no longer requiring security protection available to the public.

I trust that you and your staff will continue to work with responsible officials throughout the Government to address these and other issues that

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relate to the administration of the information security program. I look forward to future reports on the progress that has been made as a result of these efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Mr. Steven Garfinkel
Director
Information Security Oversight
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Washington, D.C. 20405

Annual Report to the President FY 1983



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